

Peanut Park Under New Construction



Construction has started on the new facility at Peanut Park. A new little league and softball field are currently under construction on land purchased last April by the Gorman Baseball Commission. The expansion will accommodate the dramatic increase in the number of youth participating in the summer programs at Peanut Park. The complex will be complete in two phases. Phase one will include a new little league field, softball field, new concession stand and restrooms. Renovation of the existing facility at Peanut Park, and the construction of five practice fields will complete phase two of the project. The twelve acre complex should be totally complete in the next two years, with one field being operational by early June for this season. This project would not have been conceivable without the support of the Gorman Lions Club, the Gorman Chamber of Commerce, the Gorman Baseball Commission, Bobby Schuman Construction and a long list of local individuals and businesses involved in making this project a reality.

Registration For the Gorman Summer Softball and Baseball Programs

Date: Thursday, March 27, 1997
Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Location: School Cafeteria

All girl's softball registration forms must be turned in by the end of March; so be sure to sign up if you are interested in playing. If you have any questions about the signup contact Layne Marlow at 734-3017.

Hey Kids - -

Get Your Easter Bags ready - Gorman's Annual Easter Treasure Hunt is this Saturday!! That's right this Saturday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. This year's hunt will be at the Girls Softball Field - just behind the tennis court. The treasure hunt is for children 0 to 5th Grade. Mrs. Easter Bunny call and said she would be in town Friday afternoon and Saturday until after the hunt.

Note to Parents: You might want to bring a few plastic grocery bags for your children to use instead of baskets as some of the "treasurers take up a lot of room".

REMEMBER THE HUNT STARTS AT 1:00 P.M. Don't Be Late or Yo u will Miss The Fun.

Ina is still accepting donations for the hunt. Donations may be left at City Grocery, Heritage Manor or with Ina Scitem.

Laird - Davis To Pledge Nuptials On April 19th



Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Davis of De Leon are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ronda Ann Davis to Patrick Lee Laird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Owens of Brownwood, grandson of Shirley Twilligear also of Brownwood.

The wedding ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 19th at 3:00 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church, 1400 14th Street in Brownwood. Family and friends are welcome.

Jimmy D. Hutson Laid To Rest Friday - March 21st

Jimmy D. Hutson, 58, of Gorman died Wednesday, March 19, 1997 at the De Leon Hospital.

Services were Friday, March 21, 1997 at the Nowlin Funeral Home with Kenneth Wilson officiating. Burial was in the Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman.

Mr. Hutson was born February 20, 1939 in Baird, Texas. He later married Verbie Louise Welch on September 9, 1957. He was a foreman for Birdsong Peanut Co. in Gorman. He had been a resident of Gorman since 1965, and formerly lived in Brownwood.

Survivors include: his wife Verbie

W.D. "Bill" Holliday Services Held Wednesday

W.D. "Bill" Holliday, 76, formerly of Eastland County, died Sunday in Temple. Services were Wednesday at Walnut Springs Baptist Church. Graveside Services were in the Simpson Cemetery near Gorman and directed by Lawson Funeral Home of Meridian.

Louise Hutson of Gorman, two daughters; Debra Cogburn of De Leon, Tresa Campbell of Gorman, Two brothers; Bob Hutson and Kenneth Hutson both of Brownwood, one sister; Jackie Huston of Early, four grandchildren.

David Brashear Receives Golden Deed and 5 Year Service Awards



SERVICE AWARD WINNER — David Brashear (center) receives "Golden Deed" and Five Year Service Awards from President Doris Richeson and District Manager Garlan Cunningham.

At a recent All-Star Revue, which included managers from 44 Richeson Dairy Queen stores, Gorman manager David Brashear received a "Golden Deed" award in recognition of his willingness to surpass any situation that may arise. Brashear was also honored with a 5 year Service Award.

Brashear having managed the Gorman Dairy Queen store since 1992 has pursued excellence in every facet of

his management, including food quality, excellent service, store cleanliness, personable staff, sales growth and cost containment.



Chelsea Buckley Crowned All-Star Babe on March 8th

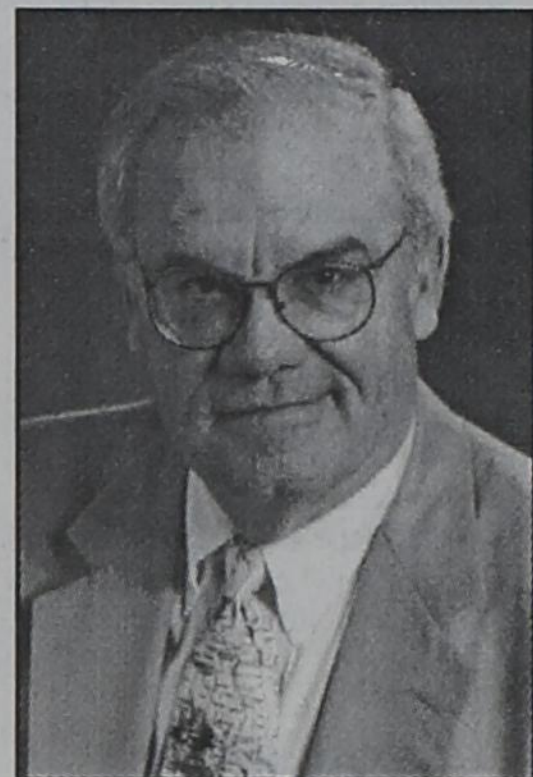


Chelsea Buckley, 2 year old daughter of Jeff and Angela Buckley of Desdemona was crowned All-Star Babe March 8th in Comanche. She also won All Star Beautiful Babe and All Star Playwear. Chelsea is the Granddaughter of Durwood, Aletha Burgess, Jerry and Pat Buckley of Desdemona. The Great granddaughter of Aline Garrett and Moddesh Burgess of Gorman.

Gorman Chamber Of Commerce Banquet Slated For April 3rd

The annual Gorman Chamber of Commerce Banquet presenting the Agricultural Award, the Community Service Award, and the Academic Achievement Awards, is now upon us. The date has been set for Thursday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker for this year's event will be Chancellor of A&M University, Dr. Barry Thompson.



Dr. Barry Thompson

A self-proclaimed "cynical idealist," Barry B. Thompson (known as "Barry B." by friends and colleagues, and "Dr. T." by former students and staff) became the 10th chancellor of the Texas A&M University System in August 1994. Thriving on challenge and often known as a force to be reckoned with, Thompson has made it his mission to ensure the A&M System is held accountable to the people it serves - the taxpayers of Texas.

Chancellor Thompson has served the A&M System since 1982. Before his 25 years of service in higher education, he worked 13 years in Texas public schools as a science teacher, principal, curriculum director and su-

perintendent. As chancellor, Thompson has worked tirelessly to support higher education initiatives that partner with public schools to improve the education system as a whole.

As many people across the state and in his hometown of Kermit, Texas, can attest to, you may not always agree with what this West Texas native has to say, but you can be sure that what he says comes from the heart and will include small-town witticisms and a hefty dose of common sense.

Thompson's educational background consists of a Ph.D., in Sociology, M.S., in Physical Science, B.S., Biology and A.S., Biology.

He has numerous academic appointments including Chancellor for the Texas A&M University System, President and CEO of West Texas A&M, President and CEO of Tarleton University.

He is the author of more than 80 published articles, poems, essays and monographs on topics such as leadership, philosophy, archeology, physical plant management and higher education.

Dr. Thompson and his wife of 41 years, Sandra Sue Davidson Thompson, have two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren. Three of their children teach in Texas public schools. He and his family won a small ranch in Leon County where they raise racing quarter horses and polled hereford cattle. He is a descendant of a long line of Texans, with his first relatives coming to the state in 1846.

Tickets are \$7.50 each and the meal will be catered by the FFA Booster Club. Tickets are available at the door and from the following: Gene Foster, Foster Floral; Ron Keller, Security State Bank; Jeff Seaton, Farley & Seaton Feed; Ann Maxfield; Kathy Everton, Birdsong Peanuts; Joe Bennett, Gorman Progress; Donnie Mauney; and Terry Treadway.

The Vernon Fields' To Celebrate 50 Years



The children and grandchildren of James Vernon and Elizabeth Deon Fields request the honor of your presence at a reception celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on April 12, 1997 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Carbon Community Center in Carbon, Texas. All acquaintances are invite to attend. No Gifts Please.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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GA's MEETING — The GA's of First Baptist Church in Gorman will be having a BAKE SALE on Friday, March 29, 1997 at 8:00 a.m. in front of the Gorman Post Office. The Bake Sale is to raise money to go to camp in June.

CHAMBER BANQUET - APRIL 3RD

CARD OF THANKS

Words are inadequate to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your kindness toward us in the passing of our Mother, Annie Dennis. Friends help make burdens easier to bear, and each of you certainly helped. We are grateful for the many cards, calls, prayers, and other acts of kindness during her illness; to those at Heritage Manor who gave her such good care; the ladies of the Family Bible Church for serving the meals to the Family; the Minister, Jack Clack and Richard Watson for their words of comfort; the Musicians-Juanita Fuller, Woodrow and Helen Browning for the beautiful music; Ray Daniels and his staff at Higginbotham's Funeral Home; for the beautiful floral tribute; and others who helped in any way. May God bless each of you for each act of kindness.

Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis & Family
Roy and Maxine Dennis & Family
Mary Ruth and Otis Arnett & Family
Ruby Lee and James Kinser

A NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food, flowers and phone calls during our time of sorrow. A special thanks to Bro. Richard Watson and Elders Kenneth Wilson for the beautiful service. A very big thanks to everyone who tried so hard to keep Larry with us. Larry cared for everyone. We appreciate your kindness and love. We will miss him dearly.

Family of Larry Montgomery

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Airman Hicks completes training



Air Force Airman Stephen J. Hicks has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Hicks is the son of Rachel A. and stepson of Bob Looney, and grandson of Fran Martin, all of 901 Burleson St., De Leon.

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Nicolas Aguirre Wins 1st Place



Nicolas Aguirre won first place in the essay contest of the third grade class taught by Mrs. Hernandez. Nicolas is the grandson of Dorothy (Broom) Bowling and the great grandson of Willie Broom. The essay is reprinted below.

In the year 2010 my dream is to help people in the high school and in homes that have problems. I would like us to live happily. To be without violence. I would like to know that I could go anywhere in the world, like us to live happily. To be without violence. I would like to know that I could go anywhere in the world and be treated equal without having to be scared about becoming a hostage by someone, or think

Birth Announcements

WARREN
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Warren are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Madison Shy'Ann Warren. Madison was born February 28, 1997 at the Abilene Regional Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 inches long. Madison is welcomed home by her sister Mandy, Paternal grandmother-Laura Fay Warren, Maternal grandparents- Mr. and Mrs. Billy Earl Simpson, Maternal great-grandmothers- Zena Simpson and Sunny Kellogg, Several aunts, uncles, cousins and several close family friends.

Defensive Driving Course at Cisco

Cisco Junior College will offer a defensive driving course on Monday and Wednesday, April 7 and 9, 1997 from 6:00 to 9: p.m. at the Cisco campus. The class will meet in room 3 of Schaefer Hall. Fee for the course is \$25 and must be paid no later than 3:00

about having to change a tire in the middle of the night without becoming the next Erin Cosby. What can I do to make the world a better place? Where can I start. I can start by staying in school off of drugs, and out of gangs! So can you.

Share Your Heart, Home

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE), a non-profit, public benefit organization, would like you to share your heart, home and heritage with some very special people. Host an exchange student for the coming school year!

These teenagers are well-screened, fully insured and come with their own spending money. They are from Scandinavia, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Great Britain, Holland, Spain, Mexico, Canada, France, Poland, Portugal, Japan, the Czech and Slovak Republics, the Republics of the former Soviet Union, Thailand, Australia, and New Zealand, and are eager to experience living as an American! They are also enthusiastic about sharing their own culture and customs with their host families, friends, and community. They expect to share in household responsibilities and be included in family activities.

"Potential host families come from a wide variety of backgrounds and lifestyles," said Jodi Schmidt, spokesperson for the Southern Region. "Ideal host families are open-minded, have an interest in people, especially those from another culture, and have a sense of humor."

If you are interested in becoming an ASSE host family or would like more information please contact local Area Representative Eula Mears at 817/734-2517 or call toll free 1-800-473-0696.

Distinguished Honor Roll

7th-Keith Treadway, **8th**-Mark Glover, Kristina Roberts, **9th**-Bobbie Jo Grissom, **10th**- Kim Carlton, Jodi Norris, Breanne Rhoton, Patricia Rodriguez, Margarito Sanchez, **11th**-Kaycee Gilmore, Janice Glover, Sarah Reeves, Samantha Stephens, **12th**-Loni Besser, Mary Campbell, Jamie Gilder, Sabrina Glasson, Jennifer Goode, Marlen Guthery, Sara Overstreet, Amanda Rainey, Lisa

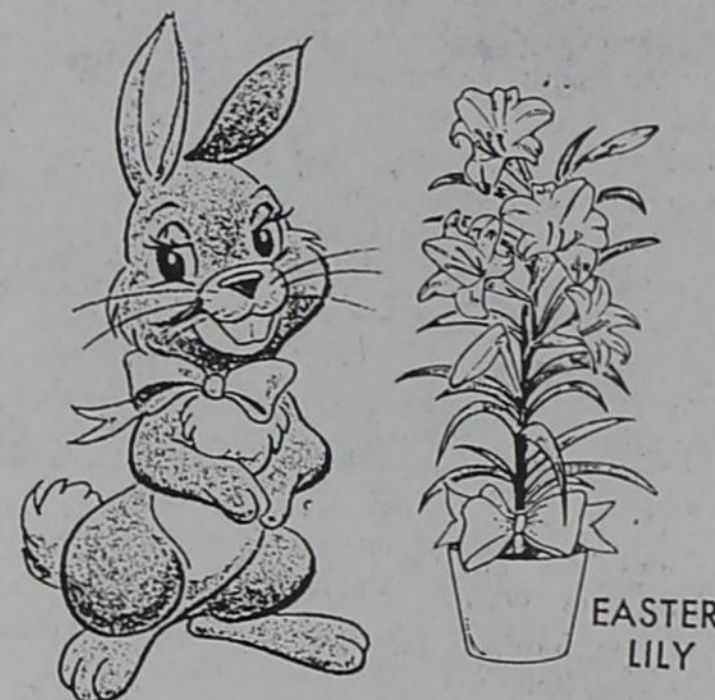
p.m. on the first day of class. Students must attend both nights of class. Cisco Junior College is an agency of the National Safety Council -TEA License #763. For more information call Charlotte Speegle (817)-442-2567 ext 121.

Rainey, Keri Scitern, Marla Smith, Allison Treadway

Honor Roll

7th-Charla Davis, Jamie Maupin, Reagan Rhoton, Wesley Wilkins, **8th**-Amanda Janecek, Josh Johnson, Anita Lobo, Beatriz Ramirez, Casey Simpson, Cody Simpson, Summer Speck, Matt Swanner, Kristina Turner, Colton Van Dusen, **9th**-Sheryl Everton, Chris Fox, Robert Lewis, Manuelita Madera, Shawn McCauley, Pam Osborne, John Reagan, Ashley Rich, Madelyn Wilkins, **10th**- Amy Bond, Samantha Goode, Diana Rackow, Sonya Reagan, **11th**- Jeremy Bryan, Justin Burleson, James Rice, **12th**- Mauricio Caldera, Lonnie Grumbles, Rosa Madera, Jose Morales, Jason Posey, Miriam Sanchez, Mason Simmons.

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HERITAGE MANOR NEWS

By Nancy Hendricks

A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Hello Gorman, Kokoma and surrounding areas.

Spring is here, the birds singing, the flowers blooming, and what a beautiful creation.

Soon it will be Easter. Today it looks like old man Winter and feels kinda like it too.

We sure hope the flu season is over and everyone back to normal. Spring break is over and teachers and children are back to school. Come by and see us or call us soon.

The Hogan Band will give a concert Tuesday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m.

God Bless,
Dean Christian McNeill

The next birthday party will be Thursday, March 27th at 2:00 p.m. Honorees are Mary Williams, Vadis Phelps, Agnes Hodes and Frank Skiles. Guest and relatives are welcome.

Anna Rush and Estelle Erwin visited Ola Walker, Agnes Hodge, Ozella Pulley, Ruby Vandergriff and Lovenia Blair.

On Saturday the Abundant Life Church came and had a Sing-A-Long with Rev. John Howard playing piano. They were Rev. John and Charlotte Howard, Landa Howard, Trey Howard, Lacy Howard, Tara Howard, K'ann Howard, Wesley Smith, Leroy Routh and Wanda Routh. Residents were Ora Mae Atchison, Inez Rogers, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Ollie Halcomb, Patty Whitehorn, Iola Walker, Ruby Vandergriff, Ann Bassham, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Ruby Nowlin, Dorothy Beaty, Skinnie Lewis, Ava Rodgers, Aletha Yarborough, Maggie Snider, Irene Heathington, Mary Frances Parks, Iola Johnson, Ola Wiker, Ruby Jones, Varona Taylor, Sylvia Hodges, Georgie Whitlock, Sibyl Urban. Guests were Daeanna Chupp, Jewel Snider, Diana Snider, Peggy, Sheila and Lacy Ingram, Alma Dickerson, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin, Linda Rhoton, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Pat Graham and Rev. T.D. Whitehorn.

Some of Eulon Perry's guests were Mrs. Marvin Jones of Dublin, Estelle Erwin, Anna Rush, Louise Rich, Joni and Nathan Ettenger.

On Sunday morning Bro. Brent Lasater of First Baptist Church came and taught the Sunday School lesson for Cynthia Earles, Effie Mae Brown, Ollie Halcomb, Rubye Jones, S.D. Gilmore and Veno Hale.

Some of Ora Mae Atchison's guests were Chesley Atchison, Edie Nichols of Stephenville, Chesley Royce Robert, Jessie and William Atchison of Leogue City, Quida Joyce and Casey Gartsman of Kamay, Ima Lee Burleson, Eloise Lewis and Georgie Iley of Desdemona, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin and Della Galloway.

Ann Bassham New Resident
Heritage Manor is happy to announce a new resident Ann Bassham, widow of Fred Bassham from Coahoma.

Mrs. Bassham is a retired homemaker, and a member of the Church of Christ.

She has 4 daughters Bettye Williams and Gwen Dukes of Odessa, Karen Christie of Tyler and Linda (Mrs. Craig) Rhoton of Gorman, 9 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Those visiting Patty Whitehorn were Rev. T.D. Whitehorn of Carbon, Anna Rush and Estelle Erwin.

At 2:30 on Sunday those coming from the Methodist Church were Rev. Kevin Rockett, Jim Rice, Sue Ann Tarver, Ruth Higginbottom and Neva Robertson. Guests were Della Galloway, Pat Graham, Dena Tidmore, Gena Earley, Casey Gartsman and Rev. T.D. Whitehorn. Residents were Iola Johnson, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Inez Rogers, Patty Whitehorn, Leotis Meadows, Irene Heathington, Ruby Vandergriff, Ora Mae Atchison, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Cynthia Earls, Varona Taylor, Iola Johnson, Ollie Halcomb and Dorothy Beaty.

Some of Mary Williams' guests were Maxine Frasier of De Leon, Harold and Fredia Harrison of Mesquite, Jeff Harrison of A.C.U. Abilene, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin, Irene West, Nancy Hendricks, Enice Love, Mayvis Lasater and Ruth Bryant.

St. Patrick's Day Observed

On Monday refreshments for the St. Patrick's Day party were fruits, green frosted punch, cookies, dips and green suckers with green "Shamrock Happy St. Patrick's Day!" napkins. Those present were Ora Mae Atchison, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, Iola Johnson, Veno Hale, Pattie Whitehorn, Vadis Phelps, Rubye Jones, Georgie Whitlock, Irene Heathington, Leotis Meadows, Ruby Vandergriff, Varona Taylor, Jack and Mildred-Bellows, Sylvia Hodges and Sibyl Urban.

Mrs. Juanita Fuller gave the centerpiece and napkins. The 4H club mem-

bers sent the Shamrocks and Shamrock suckers.

Some of Skinnie Lewis' guests were Eloise Lewis, Jim and Karen Burleson, Philip, Donna, Robert and Sarah Lewis of Desdemona, Cindy, Darren and Lyndon Adam of Cypress, Bill and Judy Lewis of Cisco, Zane and Vickie Harris, Bryan Lowder of Hawley, and Ora Mae Atchison.

Sorry to report Frank Skiles is in the De Leon Hospital.

Visiting Ava Rodgers were Deanna Chupp of Houson, Floy Morrison of Tyler, Mary Crenshaw of Lake Whitney, Jana Grace, Ruth Bryant, Mayvis Lasater and Nancy Hendricks.

Sorry to report Ozella Pulley is in the De Leon Hospital.

Visiting Veno and Annie Hale were Jimmy Little, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin, Nancy Hendricks and Ruth Bryant.

On Monday Ina Scitern, Deanna Chupp and Pat Graham had bingo for Mary Frances Parks, Cynthia Earls, Leotis Meadows, Veno Hale, Ava Rodgers, Iola Johnson, Varona Taylor, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Jack and Mildred Bellows, Patty Whitehorn, Ollie Halcomb and Inez Rogers.

Some of Ann Bassham's guests were Betty Williams and Gwen Dukes of Odessa, Karen Burleson of Desdemona, Misty Mercer of Olden, Cory Hines of Gatesville, Harold and Susetta Bassham of Cisco, Rev. Craig and Linda Rhoton, Breanne Rhoton, Reagan Rhoton, Durwood Webb, Anna Rush, Enice Love, Estelle Erwin, Mayvis Lasater and Nancy Hendricks.

On Tuesday afternoon those coming for the Sing-A-Long were Willo Rice, Nancy Hendricks and Daisy Slaton. Residents were S. D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Ollie Halcomb, Iola Johnson, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Ava Rodgers, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, Aletha Yarborough, Varona Taylor, Patty Whitehorn, Ina Mae Tarrance, Ann Bassham, Ruby Nowlin, Jack and Mildred Bellows.

Visiting Ollie Halcomb and Dorothy Beaty were David and Denna Halcomb, Richard and Lora McDonald, Anna Rush and Estelle Erwin.

Some of Aletha Kay Yarborough's guests were Mary Ruth Beschouer and Hazle Cude of San Antonio, Jean Smith of Irving, Alma Dickerson, Arthur Ray and Dorothy Yarborough of Stephenville.

On Friday morning the Dewey Bailey Band entertained. They were Dewey and Tola Bailey, V.O. Huff, Bernard and Ann Keith, Robyn Griffith, Raymond and Vivian Hart, Allen Allock, Randy Finley, Roy Finley and Bernice Farley. Guests were Jean Smith, Wynogene Smith and M.L. Skiles. Residents were Ava Rodgers, Skinnie Lewis, Mary Frances Parks, Sylvia Hodges, Georgie Whitlock, Ola Walker, Verona Taylor, Frank Skiles, Iola Johnson, Travis Smith, Aletha Yarborough, Patty Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Ora Mae Atchison, Rubye Jones and Luis Cartwright.

Some of Luis Cartwright's guests were Debby, James and Jason Hogan, Cecil and Ann Funderburk of Eastland.

On Friday afternoon Ina Scitern had bingo for Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Irene Heathington, Inez Rogers, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, S.D. Gilmore, Effie Mae Brown, Varona Taylor, Patty Whitehorn, Leotis Meadows, Ora Mae Atchison, Iola Johnson, Ava Rodgers and Mildred Bellows.

Some of Effie Mae Brown's guests were Mary Ficklen of Desdemona, Louise Hollywood, S.D. Gilmore, Louise, Jill and Kira Hollywood of Eastland.

On Thursday Mary Ficklin finished reading the book, "Thurber, Tex.," by John Spratt. She served delicious fresh apple cake to Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earls, Mary Frances Parks, Varona Taylor, Veno Hale, Ollie Halcomb, S.D. Gilmore and Effie Mae Brown.

Some of Jack and Mildred Bellows' guests were Dena Tidmore of Midlothian, Gena Earley of Ft. Worth, Darrell and Pat Graham.

Some of Cynthia Earles' guests were Fay Huff, Mayvis Lasater, Enice Love, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant and Inez Rogers.

Some of Georgie Whitlock's and Sylvia Hodges guests were Diantha Dennis, Roy Whitlock, Jackie Whitlock, Rev. Pete Hanks, Eloise Lewis of Desdemona, Elizabeth and Sam Shitlock of Weatherford, Rosetta Carlton, Anna Rush and Estelle Erwin.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and had singing for Cynthia Earles, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Iola Johnson, Ora Mae Atchison, Annie Hale, Ava Rodgers, Veno Hale, Ann Bassham, Travis Smith, Dorothy Beaty, Aletha Yarborough, Mildred Bellows and Patty Whitehorn.

Some of S.D. Gilmore's guests were Durwood Webb, Louise Hollywood, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin and Effie Mae Brown.

On Wednesday morning Bro. Ennis Joiner of First Baptist Church brought chapel for Ora Mae Atchison, Jack and

Mildred Bellows, Ruby Nowlin, Cynthia Earles, Effie Mae Brown, S.D. Gilmore, Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Iola Johnson, Ava Rodgers, Varona Taylor, Inez Rogers and Patty Whitehorn.

Some of Inez Rogers' guests were Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin and Della Galloway.

Some of Valeta Richardson's guests were Enice Love, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin, Mayvis Lasater and Jo Etheridge.

We are sorry to report Ann Bassham

is in the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

were Louise Rich, Irene Hallmark, Some of Jess Hallmark's guests Anna Rush and Estelle Erwin.

PORTER - BROWN REUNION

Descendents of B.T. and Harriet Amanda Gibbs Porter and Exekiel (Zeke) and Mattie Porter Brown will be having a **FAMILY REUNION, Saturday, April 12, 1997 at Frank A. Gray Memorial Park (Bass Lake).** All relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend. There will be a covered dish lunch, visiting, and games.

Bring a Covered Dish, Pictures, Family Records and Join The Fun.

Notice of Hearing EASTLAND COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Eastland County Appraisal District will hold a Public Hearing on a proposed budget for 1998.

The public hearing will be held on April 16, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$372,690

The total amount of increase over the current (1997) budget is \$12,490

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be eight.

The number of employees compensated under the current (1997) budget is eight.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district Board of Directors the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for inspection at the appraisal district office.

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1 - JD, 1420 5x18" Semi Mount Moldboard; 1 - Ford 5x16" 3pt. Moldboard; 1 - Ford 4x16" 3pt. Moldboard; 1 - MF 880 5 x 18" semi mount Moldboard; 1 - MF 880 5x16" Semi mount Moldboard; 1 - MM-11 Disc One Way; 1 - MM-14 Disc One Way; 1 - MF-15 Shank Hi-Clearance Chisel, 3 pt.; 1 - 12' Pasture Renovator SM, 3 pt.; 1 - 12' Rotary Hoe; 1 - Corsicana 5 Shank Renovator, 3pt.; 1 - 4 Row IH Bedder Planter; 1 - 4 Row Ford Cultivator; 1 - 4 Row Stalkcutter, SM; 1 - JD 4 Bottom Moldboard, 3 pt.; 1 - Lilliston 8 row, Hyd. Fold Cult.; 1 - Lilliston 4 Row Cult.; 1 - JD 71 Flex 6 row Planter, D.D. Boar, G.W., Bed Knocks, F.G. Boxes; 1 - 4 Row Bedder; 1 - 9 Row Bedder, Hyd. Fold, 4x7 and 2 1/4 Bar, JD, Shanks, G.W.; 1 - Bush Hog 14 Shank S. L. Chisel G.W.; 1 - Miller 14' Offset; 1 - MF 660 5x16" Semi mount Moldboard; 1 - Long 12' Tandem 3 pt.; 1 - Krause 14' Tandem 3 pt.; 1 - Lilliston 6 Row Cult.; 2 - J.D. 16x8" Graindrills, VanBrunt; 1 - JD 16x10" Drill DRA - 1 - 16x8" Model B; 1 - Walden 8' Blade on 3 pt.; 1 - Lilliston 8 Row Cult. Frame, GW, Hyd Fold; 1 - Filson Cattle Working Chute; 1 - Working Chute for Sheep, Goats; 1 - 5' Shredder 3 pt., 1 - 6', 1 - 14' Bushhog; 1 - New 32" Grubber; 1 - Ford 710 Dirt Scoop, 1/2 yd. 3 pt.; 2 - Box Blades - 6' - 10'; 2 - 3 pt., Dirt Scoops; 1 - JD 310 Double Offset New Front 22" Blades; 1 - Ford 776A Front Loader w/pump & controls, 6' Bucket; 1 - Set 7-9 Row Markers; 1 - IH 14' Field Cult w/rake & GW; 1 - 12 Row 200 gal. Spray Rig, 3 pt.; 1 - 5 Row Bedder GW; 1 - 10' Box Scraper Cyl. Control; 2 - JD Graindrills FB - 7'x15; 1 - JD33 2 Row Cotton Stripper; 1 - MF 4 Bottom Moldboard, 3 pt.; 1 - Burch Planter - 4 Row; 1 - 2 yd. Dirt Buggy, Front Dolly Wheel; 1 - 12' Miller Offset; 3 - New Tandems - 5' - 6'-8"; 1 - JD 400 Grinder Mixer; 1 - JD BWA 14' Tandem; 1 - 530 Oswalt Feed Mixer Wagon; 1 - 5100 IH 16x18 Grain Drill

HAY EQUIPMENT - TRAILERS

1 - JD 1209 Swather; 1 - Dove Tail New 32' GN, Tandem Duals; 1 - Hesston-1091 Swather; 1 - Hesston 5630 Round Bailer; 1 - JD 1219 Swather (Clean); 2 - 3 pt. Hay Forks; 1 - 18' Flatbed, TA BP; 3 - 4 Wheel Trailer Chassis; 1 - 16' All Steel Bed, Twin Cyl.; 1 - 8' Dumped, Single Cyl.; 1 - 2 Wheel Trailer Frame; 1 - 2 Wheel Tank Moving Trailer; 1 - Donahue 1000 Combine Trailer; 1 - IH 35 Side Delivery Rake; 1 - Hay King hyd. Bale Spear; 1 - Transport Bale Buggy; 1 - New 16' Utility Trailer; 1 - 2 Horse Trailer

PEANUT EQUIPMENT

1 - 1500 Lilliston Combine; 2 - 393 Long Combine; 2 - 2 Row KMC Inverter; 2 - 4 Row KMC Inverter; 1 - 6000 Lilliston Combine; 2 - Vada Trailers, T.A.; 1 - 8x14 All Metal S.M. Trailer; 1 - Long Peanut Digger - 2 Row; 1 - 4 Row Lilliston Digger; 1 - 2 Row 8100 Lilliston Inverter; 1 - KMC 4 Row Combine (clean); 1 - KMC 4 Row Inverter (clean); 1 - Lilliston 5500 2 Row Inverter.

IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT

13 - 3"x30' Sprinkler Pipe; 1 - 15HP Cent. Pump; 1 - 7 1/2 HP Floating Lagoon Pump; 1 - Ford Irrigation Motor w/4x6 Pump; 1 - Chrysler Irrigation Motor w/4x6 Pump

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1 - Gehl Grinder Mixer; 3 - Creep Feeders 1-2-5 Ton; 1 - IH 21' Field Cult. w/mulchers cyl. control; 1 - Lilliston 7500 2 Row Peanut Combine (Clean); 1 - Troy Bilt Garden Tiller; 1 - J.D. Semi-mount Moldboard 5x16"; 1 - Graves Sq. Bale Loader; 1 - 32', 3 axel, covered top, G.N. Cattle Trailer; 1 - Graham Hoeme, 9 Shank Chisel w/coulters, cyl. control; 1 - J.D. 4 Row R.M. Cult.

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THURSDAY-Rice, toast, jelly, juice, milk

FRIDAY-Sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice, milk

LUNCH

MONDAY-Sandwiches, lettuce-tomato, pickles spears, pineapple, pork-n-beans, cookies, milk

TUESDAY-Fish, red beans, coleslaw, mexican cornbread, chocolate cake, milk

WEDNESDAY-Taco salad, gr. cheese, lettuce, refried beans, spanish rice, peaches, milk

THURSDAY-Pizza, salad, corn, cookies, milk

FRIDAY-Hamburgers, cheese, french fries, lettuce-tomato, pickle-onion, orange, milk

Bill To Help Volunteer Fire Departments

A bill that will make it easier for corporations to donate equipment to volunteer fire departments has been passed by the Texas House of Representatives. The legislation would free corporations from the liability that currently makes them hesitant to donate useful equipment.

State Representative Jim Keffer, one of the bill's primary authors, says that the measure will mean better equipped firefighters that are better able to serve their community. "People around here rely on volunteer firefighters to provide their safety," said Keffer. "We owe it to both these volunteers and the people who rely on them to do everything within reason to guarantee their safety."

The fear of lawsuits prevents corporations from donating tens of thousands of dollars of equipments, some of it virtually brand new. "I've had people tell me they would love to donate useful equipment," said Keffer, "but they're scared of death of the liability attached. This bill will remove that obstacle, preventing a tremendous amount of waste, while directly benefiting rural areas that don't have access to large professional fire departments."

The bill will become law if also passed by the Senate and signed by the Governor. Support in the House was overwhelming for the bill, and Keffer does not anticipate much resistance in the Senate.

A New Look For The Registration Renewal Notice

Texas motorists whose vehicle registrations expire in May will be among the first to see the state's new and improved registration renewal notice. The Texas Department of Transportation has dramatically changed the form to make it more customer-friendly and will begin distribution during the first week in April.

Gone is the multi-part card Texans have been getting since 1970. The new notice is a standardized 8 1/2" x 11" document, similar to a tax, utility, or credit card statement.

"The state has developed a renewal notice that's convenient to use," said Sandra Cagle County Tax Assessor-Collector. "The form has many features that weren't available before."

The new renewal notice simplifies registration. Key pieces of information are highlighted in red, including special instructions, fees, and proof of insurance requirements. The name, address, and phone number of the recipient's tax assessor collector is printed on the form, providing a local contact for registration questions. Each mailing address on the renewal notice is printed with barcode technology to assure accuracy and to speed delivery through the postal system. And, for the first time, a return envelope is enclosed for customers who wish to renew by mail.

"We believe the public will appreciate the new form," Cagle said. "There are many features on the new form that make it more customer friendly."

Some Texans have already seen a prototype of the new renewal notice. TxDOT showed the form to several focus groups last summer in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The state also invited all county tax assessor collectors to give their input.

An insert with a graphical explanation of the new form will be included with each renewal notice. Anyone with questions about the new renewal notice should contact the Eastland County tax office at (817) 629-2211 or (817) 629-1564.



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Classes will meet daily from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following dates: May 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, and 23. Classes to be offered at the Main Campus are as follows: General Psychology, American Government, and History of the U.S. to Construction. Classes to be offered at the Abilene Educational Center are as follows: Principles of Economics (Microeconomics), State and Local Government, and Public Speaking. In order to register for one of these classes, you must have passed or be exempt from the TASP test.

For registration information, please contact either the Main Campus at (817) 442-2567 or the Abilene Educational Center at (91) 673-4567.

Health Briefs

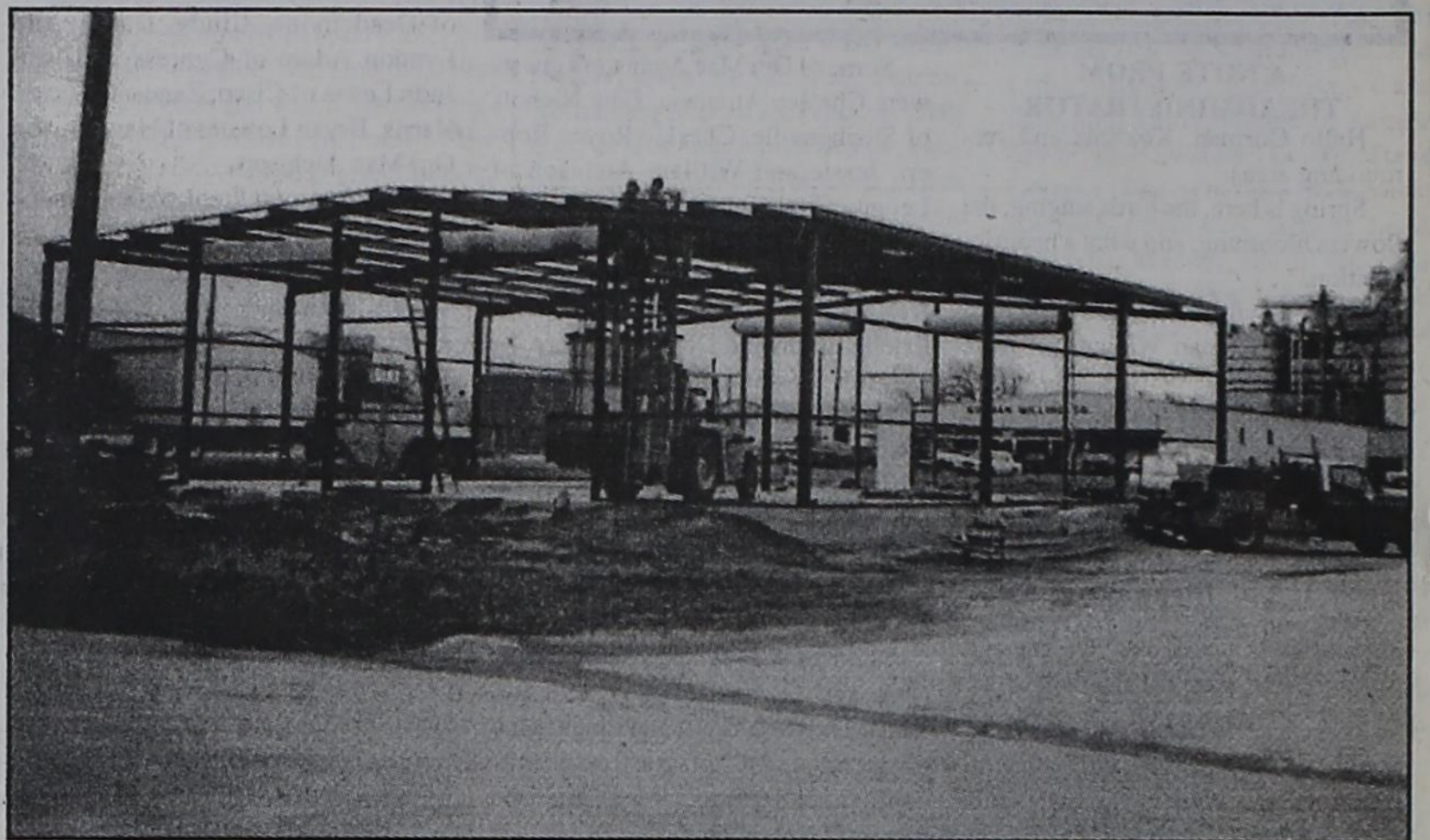
BACK PAIN- You don't have to tolerate back pain. Preventive measures can help. For example, when seated for prolonged periods, sit with hips pushed back in the chair and thighs parallel to the floor. At work, use a firm, straight-back chair with armrests and padded support for the lower back. Your feet should rest on the floor or on a footrest. Avoid bending over a desk for long periods. These and other tips are in a free booklet available from Houston's Baylor College of Medicine. To obtain a copy in the U.S., send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size (#10) envelope to "Back Pain, Room 176B, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas 77030. To obtain a copy in Canada, send a self-addressed, business-size (#10) envelope to "Back Pain," Room 176B, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas 77030, USA.

HELMETS ARE LIFESAVERS

Bicycle helmets save lives and prevent injuries. The best advice for bikers, said Dr. Tom Jaksic, a pediatric surgeon at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, is to always wear a helmet when biking. Although helmet compliance is particularly low among teenagers, statistics continue to show a dramatic link between helmet use and reduced risk for injury and death. "In most bicycle accident," Jaksic said, "the head or neck is the most common area for serious injury." He recommends helmets that are light, snug fitting and bright in color for better visibility.

HEART DISEASE- It's never too late to prevent heart disease. "Even if you are 70 years old, exercising and eating right can decrease your heart-disease risk," said Dr. Roberts Luchi,

Construction Of New Mechanic Shop For Gorman Milling Continues



The construction of the new mechanic shop for Gorman Milling Company continues at a fast pace considering how the weather has been for the past week or so. The concrete work was done by Bimbo Roberts, the steel construction is being done by Brad Campbell. The building is to house the mechanics shop to maintain the upkeep of the Gorman Milling Company feed trucks.

director of the Huffington Center on Aging at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine. The key is making healthy lifestyle choices, such as eating low salt, low fat and low cholesterol foods, not smoking and watching one's weight. Exercise is also important. "Recent studies have shown that sedentary older adults who gradually add physical activity to their lifestyles can significantly improve cardiovascular performance," Luchi said. "Walking, water aerobics and dancing are good ways to improve blood circulation and make you feel good."

INDIGESTION AND HEARTBURN- For people who suffer from indigestion and heartburn, a few simple changes in lifestyle and diet can often solve the problems. Dr. Atilla Ertan, a gastroenterologist at Baylor College of Medicine, recommends minimizing consumption of tobacco, alcohol, coffee and cola, including decaffeinated brands, and avoiding foods that have upset your stomach in the past. If heartburn is a recurring problem, try elevating the head of your bed to minimize the reflux of stomach acid into the esophagus. Also, avoid tight fitting clothes, lose weight and do not eat during the three hours before bedtime. If the reflux of stomach acid persists, treatment may require medication or surgery.

DIAPER RASH- Whether you use cloth or disposable diapers, the bottom line is keeping the baby's skin dry. Approximately 30 percent of visits to pediatricians are related to diaper rash. Diaper rash is caused by substances in feces and urine, by friction from diapers, by prolonged wetting and by soap, said Dr. Moise L. Levy, a dermatologist at Baylor College of Medi-

cine. The popular "baby wipes," Levy said, contain alcohol and other additives that can aggravate the problem. If diaper rash is not treated immediately, a bacterial or yeast infection can develop and worsen the situation. Frequent diaper changing is the best prevention.

Matter of Fact

Rick Perry
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

In agriculture, we routinely take our share of criticism on how we utilize our water. But with continued use of more efficient technology, irrigated water use in Texas is projected to drop by approximately 20 percent through the year 2050. In spite of our many successful conservation efforts, it still doesn't seem to be enough. We need help - from everybody.

There are a lot of folks in Texas who have gotten so used to turning on the tap and having the water flow, they just assume the well will never run dry. However, it's come dangerously close to happening. We've already been reminded that we can't always depend on rainfall to replenish our supplies.

Each and every one of us needs to be water smart this year. Whether it's gardening with drought-resistant plants or taking shorter showers, we must all make an attempt to conserve our state's most important natural resources.

Bill To Protect Nursing Home Residents Passes

Legislation to further protect the elderly and the mentally retarded from abusive caretakers was unanimously passed Wednesday by the Texas Senate. The bill by state Sen. David Sibley will expand the list of assaultive convictions which automatically bar someone from being hired to work with residents in a health care facility.

"Current law does not go far enough to protect our most vulnerable citizens, the elderly and persons with mental retardation," said Sibley, R-Waco. "We must make every effort to keep those convicted of a dangerous offense from directly caring for this population."

Sibley's bill now must be considered by the Texas House of Representatives.

Currently, a person is automatically barred from working directly with the elderly or persons with mental retardation in certain health care facilities if that person has been convicted of any of the following: criminal homicide, kidnapping and false imprisonment, indecency with a child, agreement to abduct from custody, arson, robbery or aggravated robbery.

Sibley's bill would expand that list to include the offenses of sexual assault; aggravated assault; injury to a child, elderly individual or disabled individual; abandoning or endangering a child; an aiding suicide.

If the bill passes the Legislature and is signed into law, the bill would apply to a person hired on or after Sept. 1, 1997.

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Taking the Bite Out of Crime

Just when you think you've heard every last method of scamming Uncle Sam, along comes news of another way that leaves you breathless.

Item: Last week the General Accounting Office reported that thousands of convicted criminals nationwide have continued to participate in the federal food stamp program despite being confined to jail or prison.

In its study of four food stamp programs across the country, the GAO determined that 12,138 inmates or their families fraudulently received \$3.5 million in food stamps during fiscal year 1995; that year, \$1.5 million in food stamps were erroneously granted to 5,690 inmates in Texas prisons. Talk about double-dipping. Prisoners who already receive free room and board are, in effect, dining twice at public expense.

This is an especially pernicious practice, given that it has been so hard to enact entitlement reform to ensure that people who truly need help can receive it. The food stamp program provides a badly needed safety net for millions of desperate people.

We must not allow fraud to undermine the entire program.

As outrageous as prisoners receiving food stamps may be, I am proud to report that Texas has taken the lead in ferreting out and eliminating this abuse. Since January, our state has been cross-checking the names of individuals receiving food stamps with the names of convicts in Texas prisons.

In addition, Texas authorities now require food stamp recipient families to verify the number of people in their households every three months rather than every six months, as was the case in the past.

Earlier this month, I introduced legislation to encourage all states to follow Texas' lead and initiate procedures to end this fraudulent practice across-the-board.

Currently we reward states that take steps to recoup food stamp overpayments that occur as a result of fraud or error — such as payments to prisoners. My bill would reduce this reward system for states that do not cross-check food stamp rolls with prison records, the way Texas is doing.

I am happy that Texas took the initiative on this matter, pointing the way for other states to do the same, without waiting for the federal government to act. Cross-checking prison records with food stamp eligibility lists is an inexpensive, non-intrusive method of determining whether families receiving food stamps are accurately stating the size of their households. American taxpayers, who are footing the bill, deserve no less.

Bill Filed To Ban Some Business Tax Breaks

Business tax breaks that are costing Texas school districts millions of dollars a year in lost revenue would be outlawed or restricted under a bill filed Friday by state Sen. David Sibley.

Senate Bill 1557 would prohibit school districts from participating in new tax abatement agreements or tax increment financing plans after Sept. 1. The bill also would keep school districts from increasing their level of financial participation in existing agreements approved before Sept. 1.

"Everyone wants economic growth in their community," said Sibley, R-Waco. "Buy economic growth should not be funded with money that is supposed to be going to Texas schools. Schools struggling to meet expense and pay their teachers shouldn't forgo desperately needed revenue in return for a few new jobs."

A property tax abatement is a full or partial property tax exemption for a specific time period. Under a tax increment financing plan, a property owner pays taxes on the current appraised value of the property located in a specific area, or TIF reinvestment zone. However, the increment-the taxes paid on the property value that has accrued since the TIF plan was executed is placed into a fund used to pay for infrastructure and structural improvements in the TIF reinvestment zone.

A Senate Economic Development Committee staff study last fall concluded that the majority of school district that grant tax abatements experience both short-term and long-term financial losses.

Cory Pack Makes The Who's Who List At Tarleton

Cory B. Pack, a Tarleton State University student from Carbon, has been selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. Pack, an Exercise and Sport Studies major at the university, was one of the 45 Tarleton students included in the 1996 edition.

Students are selected based on their academic achievement, service to the property is not included in property wealth calculations.

community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Cory is the son of Ronnie and Jeanna Pack of Carbon. He is a candidate for graduation this spring.

Pack is a Distinguished Student at the university and he was inducted into the Alpha Chi national scholastic honor society.

Cory was named to Who's Who Among Junior College Students at Cisco Junior College before transferring to Tarleton. He is enrolled in Tarleton's Sports Medicine program and has received the National Athletic Training Association Scholarship, the C.J. "Red" Davidson Scholarship and the C.M. "Dutch" Flory Scholarship.

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(location)

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Location	Date	Hours

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(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
BOX 236
(Address)
GORMAN, TX 76454
(City) (Zip Code)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on

APRIL 25, 1997
(date)

Issued this the 20th day of MARCH, 1997.

Debra G. Clark
Signature of Presiding Officer

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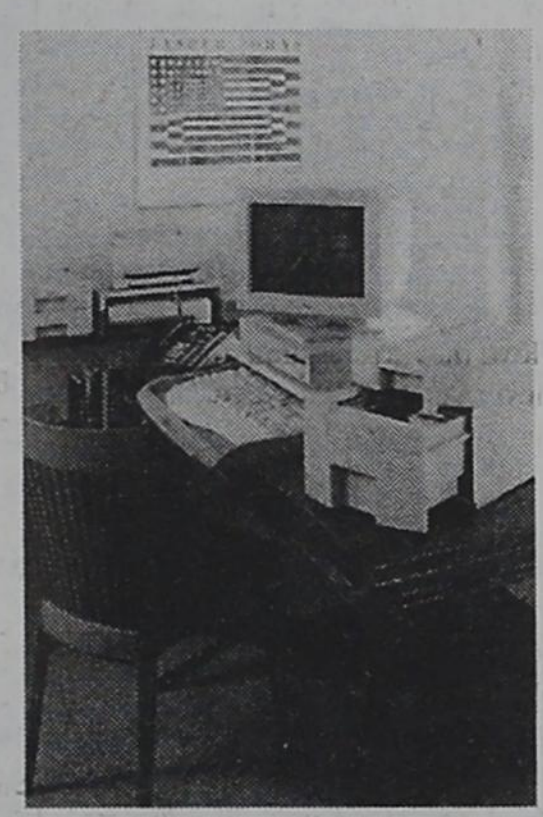
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Home Office Not Complete Without Desktop Storage

You've just brought home a new computer. It's got games for the kids, the same software you use at the office, and programs to balance the household budget. You're finally ready to get everything organized.

Almost.

Research has revealed several important differences between home and corporate offices. Understanding and acting on these differences can determine if your home office is orderly or chaotic.



A home office can become an attractive, efficient part of any room with the use of compatible, quality desktop storage products.

Probably the most important difference concerns desktop storage needs, says Brian Matos, General Manager of Data Products with Alpha Enterprises, Inc.

The average employee in a corporate office doesn't have to bother with storing CD-ROMs or back-up tapes or other materials. He usually uses only two or three programs during the day, and these are either installed on his PC, or he works off of a network.

"The home computer user, on the other hand, may find as many as a dozen programs bundled with his system when he opens the box. A family with school-aged children can easily purchase another half-dozen programs within a year," Matos explains.

In addition to storing all those CD-ROMs and floppy disks, home office users need to keep manuals and documentation close at hand. After all, at home you will be the person responsible for determining why the printer won't print what's on your screen.

However most home offices are often located in family rooms or bedrooms, which serve other functions. That means the space available for storage is usually very limited.

The best solution is to invest in a few desktop storage products. With the right units, you can organize your home office inexpensively and efficiently, Matos says. He offers the following tips on choosing the best products for your home office.

Think Modular

Always think modular when buying desktop storage products. That allows you to customize the storage to your individual needs instead of vice versa.

It's also a good idea to choose a system rather than assembling a collection of incompatible storage products, Matos says. For example, the Workspace Essential's brand of desktop products offers separate components that stack on top of each other. You can start with a two-drawer multi-media/documentation unit, then add additional drawers as you need them.

Another subtle but important aspect of buying a system is that the components are uniform and look like they belong together. That gives your work area a clean, unified appearance. This is a consideration for any home office, but it's especially important for those occupying a corner of a room that receives visitors. Why spoil the decor of a family room or finished basement with a home office that looks like it was equipped at the local garage sale?

Think Portable

Another major difference between home offices and their corporate counterparts is the use of CD-ROMs. Not only do home offices require many more such media, they are used by the whole family and often traded among friends.

If that sounds like your situation, you might want to consider a separate CD-ROM storage system.

One good model on the market is a vertical stacking rack that holds wallet-size modular storage cases. Each case can contain six CD-ROMs and their liner notes. This is a surprisingly significant feature, since many software companies use the liner notes as mini-manuals for the software.

Cases should be easily labeled and tough enough to protect CD-ROMs during transportation in briefcases, backpacks or even diaper bags. Look for a strong outercase that keeps out dust, while the inside contains devices like positive locking rings to securely hold CD-ROMs.

Think 'Out Of The Box'

Most of us know that when space is limited, the solution to storage problems very often is vertical space. But most of us also tend to forget that vertical can mean down as well as up.

Take the problem of storing printer paper. It's one of those items that you forget about until you suddenly, immediately need it. So where can you find easily accessible, under-utilized space? Try looking beneath your printer.

A jet printer stand should be able to hold most inkjet or bubble jet printers. Look for a model that offers a pull-out drawer for quick availability. Some also come with a cubbyhole beside the paper tray to store envelopes.

The same concept that works for printer paper can also work for your computer keyboard. For a long time, the only alternative to keeping a keyboard on the desktop was a roll-

out or swing-out drawer mounted under the desk surface. Although that works fine for some people, it's not an option for others. Perhaps their desk has a tray drawer in the center, or maybe they'd prefer not to drill holes in their office furniture.

Desktop keyboard drawers have become common, but be careful in choosing one of these. Make sure the unit you buy is laboratory tested for loads up to 200 lbs. That gives you the option of resting the CPU, the monitor, or both on it. The better models feature a roll-out drawer that can be retracted into the cabinet when not in use, and can accommodate ergonomically designed keyboards, such as the Microsoft™ Natural, as well as standard keyboards. Little perks like a wrist-rest extension or storage space for pens and pencils make life a little easier, too.

Don't overlook existing storage possibilities. If your home computer is set upon a desk, put that old hanging-file drawer to good use with a hanging-file drawer insert. This simple item can give you extra multi-media storage capacity, with some models holding as many as 36 CD-ROMs, 180 diskettes, data cartridges or other combinations of media.

Finally, sometimes the answer to your space problem isn't down, or up, but someplace in the middle.

With the popularity of sound cards and CD-ROMs, nearly all computers come equipped with external speakers. These items add a wonderful dimension to the software you're using, but they do create another problem — where do you stick 'em?

Well, if you place your keyboard at hand level, and your monitor goes just a touch below eye-level, then it makes sense to place your speakers at ear level. You can achieve this with speaker brackets that attach external speakers to your monitor.

However, check the packaging on such brackets to make sure they can support at least five pounds each. You should also be able to remove them without harming the finish on the monitor case. Some brackets employ clever designs that keep the speakers level even when the monitor is tilted up or down. That's the kind you want.

Matos also has a few general suggestions. Think pragmatically. There are lots of gizmos and gadgets on the market. Consider what you really need, then look for a product specifically designed to meet that need. You should also expect to find products that are sturdy, inexpensive, and will compliment your home office.

Finally, don't forget to check the World Wide Web for information. Some storage product companies maintain home pages that offer lots of valuable information. For example, visitors to Alpha Enterprise's home page (www.alphaproducts.com) can view the company's products, send comments to the company, and even volunteer to serve as "test pilots" for products still in design.

The bottom line is, for a fraction of the cost of your new home computer, you can make your home office neat and efficient with quality desktop storage products.

DESDEMONA NEWS

By Donnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had average attendance last Sunday. Special music was by the church choir, Wayne Eaves, Pug Guthery, Bro. Joe Wortham, Helen Collum, Nell Ragland, Wilma Iley, Freda Riggs, Dorothy Roberts with Karen Eaves at the piano. Sunday morning visitors were Denese (Wilcoxson) Siler and daughter, Brooke of Ranger; Dan Collum of Stephenville; Jeremy Janacek of Gorman; Cassie Abbey of De Leon; Stormy Hurd of Gorman.

First Baptist will present an Easter Cantata on Sunday morning, March 30 at 11:00 a.m. You are invited to attend. Visitors are always "Welcome."

Fred Watkins of Weatherford visited last Monday with R.L. and Lavona (Shipman) Sharp.

Gary Iley son of Richard and Sharon Iley of Stephenville recently enjoyed a trip to Washington, D.C. with his Junior High School group. Gary is the grandson of Wayne and Wilma Iley of Desdemona.

Visitors over the weekend with Bob and Merlene Wisdom were Gary and Linda Barker of Teague, Marsha Johnson, Billy and Chris of Lovington, New Mexico; Garrett Barker, Morgan and Seth of Meridian.

Pat Buckley recently attended a reunion with her classmates in the home of Norm and Gay (Deaton) Roden in

Salado, Texas. There were eleven classmates to attend and they all attended school in Kermit, Texas. Pat reported a good visit.

Margaret ("Marge" Davis) Henslee, 84 of Lingleville was buried on Sunday, March 23 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Aaron Henslee of Lingleville, One son, Aaron E. Henslee of Weatherford; one daughter, Sandra Loving of Lingleville. Preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Lucille Davis, one brother, Will H. Davis. The Davis and Henslee families are former residents of Desdemona where Marge and Aaron were in the Class of 1929. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Dan Collum of Stephenville visited last Sunday with his parents, Bill and Helen Collum.

Ima Lee Burselon is in the De Leon Hospital at this time. Eloise Lewis spent a few days this past week in the hospital. There are other in our area still on the sick list. Remember these and other shut-ins with your cards and prayers.

Spring has arrived-what a beautiful time of the year. Fruit trees all in full bloom-grass getting green. With all this beauty around us-how can anyone not believe in God.

A delegation of citizens appeared at the Erath Commissions Court pre-

senting a petition asking for approval for completion of FM8 from Lingleville to the Eastland county line. The Commissions Court did approve a resolution to that effect, but resolved it might take several years to complete. They asked the Texas Department of Transportation to work toward that. We asked that the County Commis-

Putnam Homecoming Scheduled

The Putnam Ex-Teachers and Students Association has set March 29, 1997, as the date for their next homecoming. The class of 1946 and the class of 1947 will be honored.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Putnam School Building with a session approve a resolution to finish that. Dorothy Greenhaw presented a petition with over 1200 names.

"Happy Easter" to everyone from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

general session set for 1:30 p.m. Conrad Buchanan will be Master of Ceremonies.

A brisket lunch catered by Ray Green's Deutschlandr Freshwater Catfish Co. will be served at 11:30 a.m. Cost of the lunch is \$5.50. Reservations can be made with Mary Green, 915-662-3631 or LaVerne Rutherford, 915-854-1001. Deadline for reservations is March 27. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION

SAT., MARCH 29 — 10:30 A.M.

ST. JOE COMMUNITY - From De Leon follow Hwy. 6 West for 3/4 mile-turn right (North) on Hwy. 16 for 1 mile - then Left (West) on Fm.Rd. 2921 for 2 miles OR From South side of Gorman follow Fm.Rd. 2921 for app. 7 miles.

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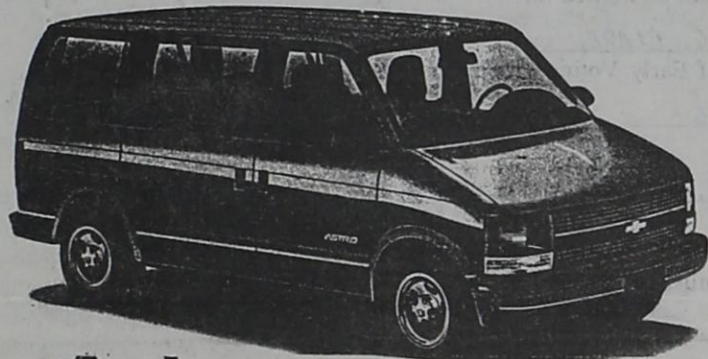


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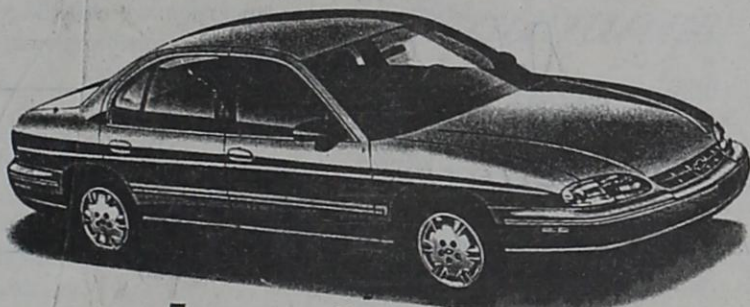


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